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Immigration Judge Takes Oath of Office

ARLINGTON, Va. – Garry D. Malphrus was sworn in today as an immigration judge for the Arlington, Va., immigration court during an investiture ceremony at 3 p.m. at the Howard T. Markey National Courts Building, Washington, D.C. Chief Immigration Judge Michael J. Creppy, from the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) in Falls Church, Va., administered the oath of office. Guest speakers included the Honorable Edward J. Damich, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and the Honorable Dennis W. Shedd, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit.

Judge Malphrus joins the ranks of more than 200 immigration judges located in 53 immigration courts throughout the nation. Immigration judges are responsible for conducting formal administrative proceedings to determine whether foreign-born individuals who are charged with violations of federal immigration law should be removed from the United States or may be granted relief from removal. Immigration judges decide each case independently and their decisions are final unless appealed or certified to the Board of Immigration Appeals. In the past year, immigration judges completed more than 250,000 matters. They also are authorized to administer oaths of citizenship to candidates for naturalization.

Garry D. Malphrus was appointed as an immigration judge in March 2005. He received his bachelor of arts in 1989 (*magna cum laude*) and his juris doctorate in 1993 (Order of the Coif), both from the University of South Carolina. Prior to becoming an immigration judge, from 2001 to 2004, Judge Malphrus served as associate director of the White House Domestic Policy Council. In that capacity, he assisted with the development, coordination, and implementation of administration policy on a wide variety of issues related to the U.S. Department of Justice. From 1997 to 2001, Judge Malphrus served as staff on the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee and was chief counsel and staff director of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight and later, on the Subcommittee on the Constitution. Judge Malphrus worked as a law clerk for the Honorable Dennis W. Shedd, now of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, from 1995 to 1997, and for the Honorable William W. Wilkins, now the Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, from 1994 to 1995. He was also a law clerk for the Honorable Larry R. Patterson, Circuit Judge for South Carolina, from 1993 to 1994. Judge Malphrus is a member of the South Carolina Bar.

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